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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hessman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,667,343) in view of Ueno (U.S. Patent No. 6,634,842).

Hessman et al. teaches a milling cutter having a cassette (cartridge) (4) for removably supporting diamond coated cutting insert (i.e. cutting edge of formed of diamond) (5) with the use of fastening screw (11) (Col. 5, lines 17-18). Hessman et al. also teaches the cassette being fixed in the groove (3) of the cutter body member using fastening screw (6 & 7). Furthermore, Hessman et al. teaches the use of tap (8) for adjusting the position of the cartridge (see Figure 1 and Col. 3, lines 64-67). The milling cutter of Hessman et al.'s invention is capable of being for cutting an aluminum workpiece.

However, Hessman et al. fails to teach wrench reception socket of the fastening screws (for attaching cassette to tool and the adjustment screw) being sealed.

Ueno teaches hexagon recess portion of a screw (33c), which is a wrench-receiving socket (Col. 12, lines 31-34) sealed by resin-made embedding material (Col. 9, line 1). Ueno also teaches a screw (see Figures 7, 8a and 8b) having a wrench

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reception socket that is narrowed toward an opening (34d) that it is at the bottom of the recess (34f).

Regarding claim 3, Examiner has taken Official Notice that it is well known in the art use other types of frictional engagement means to assist the resin to stay inside the wrench reception socket (E.g. See '842, Figure 14 a & 14b).

Regarding the type of wrench reception socket claimed in claim 6, Examiner has taken Official Notice that it is well known in the art to choose from a vast variety of fasteners with a variety of wrench reception sockets.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to sealed the wrench reception socket of Hessman et al.'s fastener by resin-made embedding material as taught by Ueno for the purpose of preventing drawing-out of the screw ('842, Col. 1, lines 10-15) (i.e. to make tamper proof).

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sara Addisu at (571) 272-6082. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on (571) 272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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